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Childrenswear sales outperformed mens- and womenswear.
Older parents tend to spend more on children's clothing.
Baby and toddler wear sales increase despite falling birth rate.
Outlook for childrenswear sales is positive.
- [Fast-fashion love affair with home textiles](#) page 7

Decline in disposable income has driven fast-fashion in home textiles.
Many opportunities for fast-fashion home textiles.
- [ITMF Textile Machinery Workshop in Milan](#) page 9

Brian Mandt gave an update on the global economic outlook.
Ruizhe Sun presented an outlook on China's textile industry.
Yves Gloy explained what relevance Industry 4.0 has for the textile industry.
Christian Schindler presented the latest textile machinery shipments data.
- [Visit of Efi/Reggiani in Grassobbio](#) page 13

ITMF Textile Machinery Workshop participants visited factory of Efi/Reggiani.
- [Visit to Dhaka/Bangladesh](#) page 14

Andrew Macdonald and Christian Schindler promoted ITMF in Bangladesh.
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Mr Bonadei was rewarded for his outstanding contribution to the Committee.
- [ITMF Home Textiles Producers \(HTP\) Committee Meeting in Istanbul](#) page 15

The committee meeting was co-hosted by TETSIAD.
- [Global Department Store Summit \(GDSS\) 2016 Zurich](#) page 16

Christian Schindler and Brian Mandt attended the GDSS in Zurich/Switzerland.
The general theme was "Delighting the Global Travellers at Home & Away".
- [German colloquium for textile in Denkendorf](#) page 16

Christian Schindler and Brian Mandt visited conference in Denkendorf/Germany.
The main topic of the colloquium was the digitalisation of the textile industry.
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